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The instant preliminary amendment is being submitted simultaneously with a response to the Examiner's requirement for restriction in which an election is made such that only the portion of the invention related to the method of producing a magnetic hard disk substrate is requested for examination. The title and the specification are therefore requested to be modified according to this election.

Respectfully submitted,


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